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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended): A car fall-prevention apparatus comprising:

a guide rail installed vertically ~~in an~~ in the elevator shaft to guide ~~a car~~ the car up and down,

a nearly tubular holding member that is attached ~~to a~~ to the back surface of said guide rail, ~~and a long plate like support member attached to said holding member to support the bottom part of said car, said holding member is provided with comprising:~~

a front wall that is attached to the back surface of said guide rail and a back wall that is arranged opposite said front wall,

a locking hole running ~~in an~~ in the axial direction of the guide rail, ~~said locking hole being that is formed in an end~~ the end of said back wall,

a long plate-like support member attached to said holding member to support a bottom part of said car;

a spring member that pulls said support member toward said holding member; and
top and bottom stop plates that are also attached above and below said holding member,
~~for the one part,~~

wherein said support member includes a base formed to be able to lock and be held between ~~projecting the projecting ends of said top and bottom stop plates, and plates,~~

wherein a projecting part, which ~~that can lock into said locking hole~~ hole, is formed in a back ~~the back~~ edge of said support member base,

wherein a ~~and a~~ spindle, one end of which rotatably supports said support member from above and below via a slot formed in the base of said support member, is attached to said holding member such that it can slide axially, ~~and a~~

~~spring member that pulls said support member toward said holding member is also provided;~~

wherein from a standby position, with said support member located on said guide rail's back side and being pulled toward said holding member by a spring ~~the spring~~ force of said spring member, said support member is adapted to be rotated forward while being pulled away ~~from a~~ ~~from the~~ side of said holding member against the spring force of the spring member, and wherein when a forward end of the support member is positioned in front of the guide

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rail, while the base of the support member is held gripped by said top and bottom stop plates, said projecting part will also lock and be held in said locking hole.

2. (Currently Amended): The car fall-prevention apparatus described in ~~Claim 1~~ claim 1, wherein said forward end of said support member is formed approximately in an L shape, and

wherein a capture part, which ~~captures a~~ captures the forward part of said guide rail when the support member is retracted along said slot after said support member has been rotated toward the front from the back side of the guide rail around said spindle so that the forward end is positioned in front of the guide rail, is also provided on an inner ~~the inner~~ surface of said forward end.

3. (Currently Amended): The car fall prevention device described in ~~Claim 1~~ claim 1, wherein a handle for operating said support member is provided on an ~~on the~~ outside surface of the base of said support member.

4. (Currently Amended): The car fall-prevention apparatus described in ~~Claim 1~~ claim 1, wherein a support base that supports a bottom ~~the bottom~~ surface of the car is provided on a ~~on the~~ side edge of the forward end of said support member, and

wherein a reinforcing part, which ~~that~~ reinforces said support ~~base~~ base, is also provided on an outside ~~the outside~~ surface of said forward end.